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August 19, 2015

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The Honorable Ann O'Reilly
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings
600 North Robert Street
P.O. Box 64620
St. Paul, MN 55164-0620

Re: In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Power for a Routing Permit for the
Great Northern Transmission Line;
MPUC Docket No. E0915/TL-14-21; OAH No. 65-2500-31637

Dear Judge O'Reilly:

Please accept this *Letter Brief and Attachments* as further response of the Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (DOC-EERA) to RRANT's Motion For Leave to Intervene Out-of-Time, Motion To Extend Intervention Deadline For Newly Affected Landowners, and Motion To Supplement EIS of RRANT. This response supplements oral argument on August 13, 2015.

As DOC-EERA stated on August 13, 2015, it takes no position on RRANT's Motion to Intervene Out-of-Time, nor on the Motion To Extend Intervention Deadline For Newly Affected Landowners, but observes the following, which may be helpful to the ALJ in assessing the Motion.

As to timeliness, Minn. Rule 1405.0900 subp. 1 states that a person who desires to intervene in a contested case as a party shall submit a timely written petition to intervene, and that "[t]imeliness will be determined by the judge in each case based on circumstances at the time of filing." In this case, the First Prehearing Order (PHO), issued in August 2014, allowed an exceptionally long time for intervention, until February 23, 2015. The long period for intervention was subsequently further extended to April 15, 2015 in the Fourth PHO. The First PHO cautioned that "[u]nless extraordinary circumstances exist," later intervention would not be accommodated. RRANT does not appear to have shown that extraordinary circumstances exist. The RRANT Motion at 2 states that RRANT has actively participated in the docket for three years, and does not demonstrate that RRANT was justifiably unaware of the intervention deadlines, but instead offers an explanation that the decision not to intervene was a knowing choice. RRANT Motion at 1-2.

Turning to the substantive standards for intervention in a Power Line routing docket, a party may be granted intervention under Minn. Rule 1405.0900 subp. 1 when their petition shows how the petitioner's legal rights, duties, or privileges may be determined or affected by the contested case, how the petitioner may be directly affected by the outcome, or that petitioner's participation is authorized by statute, rule, or court decision. The RRANT Motion states that it requests intervention with full party status "as a watchdog of public process and public interest." Its further request for an extension of the intervention deadline for certain "additional new landowners" is based on a claim that a list of 24 property owners (Hearing Ex. 280) whose property was identified for the first time as potentially being affected by the outcome of the scoping process for routing the instant high voltage transmission line should have, but did not, receive timely notice of this 14-21 proceeding and its possible impact on their property. RRANT claims that the 24 property owners did not receive notice until July 27, 2015.

The substantive standard for intervention appears not to have been met in this case.

First, RRANT has presented no evidence or argument that the petitioner may be directly affected by the outcome, or that petitioner's participation is authorized by statute, rule, or court decision. RRANT representative and counsel testified that no RRANT member is among the 24 additional newly affected landowners. *See also*, RRANT Motion at note 7 (RRANT does not represent any specific "ADDITIONAL new landowners").

Second, RRANT appears to asserts that its desire to protect the interest of the 24 property owners, and its general interest in protecting the rights of property owners meets the intervention standard of Minn. Rule 1400.6200 subp. 1. This argument must fail where the interests of the 24 property owners have not been unjustly compromised by improper notice. As stated during DOC-EERA's oral argument on August 13, 2015, Minnesota laws and rules do not require that property owners whose property is identified for the first time as potentially being affected by the outcome of the scoping process for routing high voltage transmission lines be given notice of public meetings on scoping and development of the DEIS.

Third, although not required to do so, it is the practice of DOC-EERA seasonably to inform property owners whose property is identified for the first time as potentially being affected by the outcome of the scoping process for routing high voltage transmission lines that their interest may be impacted by the Scoping Decision. Affidavit of Bill Storm, Attachment 1 hereto at ¶ 2. In this 14-21 docket, notice was provided to the list of 24 landowners identified in Hearing Ex. 280 on two separate occasions, on February 9, 2015, and again on July 27, 2015. Affidavit of Bill Storm at ¶ 3-6.

Records obtained by DOC-EERA from the Commission's Consumer Affairs Office appear to corroborate that notice was received by the 24 property owners prior to July 27, 2015. On June 8, 2015 at least one property owner among the 24 listed on Hearing Ex. 280, Mr. John Wahlberg, 309 7th Avenue SE, Roseau, MN 56751, was sufficiently aware of the 14-21 proceeding to decide to add his name to the Project List

maintained by the Commission (Project Contact List Sign-up Record, Attachment 2 hereto) and Mr. Wahlberg was thereafter on the official service list. Certificate of Service and Service List of Commission staff member, Ms. Robin Rice, efiled July 23, 2015 at PUC 20157-112684-02,¹ attached, in part, as Attachment 3 hereto at 2. For this reason, there was no lack of reasonable notice. There was no injury to the public interest in general and no injury to the 24 specific property owners identified in Hearing Ex. 280.

Turning to the RRANT Motion to Supplement the EIS, supplementation is sought for two reasons, neither of which are persuasive.

First, RRANT asserts that “because these [24] landowners were not notified prior to July 27, 2015, they were deprived of the opportunity to meaningfully participate in scoping and in commenting on the DEIS.” RRANT Motion at 3-4. This argument fails because Minnesota law and Commission’s rules do not permit participation in scoping by landowners who are not identified until the alternatives are developed upon completion of the scoping process. Further, as discussed above, notice was given on both February 9 and July 27, 2015, and the 24 landowners have had the opportunity to comment on the DEIS, and continue to have the opportunity to comment as set out in the Order Clarifying Methods for Public Comment at 2 until September 1, 2015. The 24 property owners have not been deprived of any right they otherwise would have possessed under Minnesota law to participate in scoping, nor of the opportunity to comment on the DEIS.

Second, the RRANT Motion argues that “[i]f the additional newly affected landowners were not covered in the scope for the EIS, then the EIS is inadequate.” RRANT Motion at 3-4. The Motion should be denied because the properties potentially impacted by the Scoping Decision² were evaluated in the DEIS.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Linda S. Jensen

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¹ <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/edockets/searchDocuments.do?method=showPoup&documentId={56984CDD-2C9B-4CAF-8BFE-93649CF0CE97}&documentTitle=20157-112684-02>

² These are the 622 newly affected land owners and 24 additional newly affected land owners. Affidavit of Bill Storm.

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
FOR THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Request by Minnesota Power for a
Route Permit for the Great Northern Transmission Line

AFFIDAVIT OF BILL STORM

Bill Storm, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am analyst for Minnesota Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis (DOC-EERA), and have personal knowledge of the following:

2. Minnesota laws and rules do not require that property owners whose property is identified for the first time as potentially being affected by the outcome of the scoping process for routing high voltage transmission lines be given notice. In practice, however, DOC-EERA staff informs these newly affected landowners with notice that their interest may be impacted by the Scoping Decision.

3. Hearing Exhibit 280 includes a copy of a list of 24 “additional newly affected landowners” who received such a notice from DOC-EERA staff indicating that their interest may be impacted by the Scoping Decision in the 14-21 docket. The 24 “additional newly affected landowners” have twice received notice from the DOC-EERA of this 14-21 proceeding.

4. The first notice that the 24 “additional newly affected landowners” received was mailed by DOC-EERA on February 9, 2015. That notice was identical to the “Minnesota Department of Commerce Letter to Landowners” (Letter to Landowners) marked as Hearing Exhibit 113, pages one and two; that Letter to Landowners was mailed on February 9, 2015, to 622 new landowners by DOC staff member Ms. Sharon Ferguson, as is reflected in her affidavit of service, which is page 3 of Hearing Exhibit 113. Later on the same day, February 9, 2015, I

provided a copy of that same two-page Letter to Landowners to a second DOC staff member, Ms. Caren Warner, who mailed it to the 24 “additional newly affected landowners” and I inadvertently did not at that time request that Ms. Warner prepare an affidavit of service showing the mailing of the notice to the 24 “additional newly affected landowners”. Attached is a partly-redacted screen shot of a DOC Word Processing computer showing that two files related to this docket were modified on February 9, 2015; the first at 8:21 a.m. and the second at 3:11 p.m. The earlier modification was made to a file in which the “Letter to Landowners” was merged with the 622 addresses (and mailed by Ms. Ferguson). The later-modified file is the one in which the addresses of the 24 additional newly affected landowners was stored and printed out on February 9, 2015 (and subsequently was merged with the Letter to Landowners and mailed at my request by Ms. Warner).

5. The second time the 24 “additional newly affected landowners” received notice was on July 27, 2015, when I asked Ms. Ferguson to provide me with a physical copy of the affidavit of service showing service of the Letter to Landowners on the two groups of landowners (the group of 622 and the group of 24). She noticed that she had not caused service of notice to be made on the group of 24 “additional newly affected landowners,” and she therefore, mailed to them a copy of the Letter to Landowners (pages one and two of Hearing Exhibit 113), and prepared the affidavit of service dated July 27, 2015, which is Hearing Exhibit 280. She then efiled, as a single document on July 27, 2015, both the affidavit of service showing service on February 9, 2015 in which 622 landowners were served, as well as the two-

page July 27, 2015 Certificate of Service on the 24 additional landowners that is Hearing Exhibit 280. The efileing has document ID number 20157-112741-01.¹

6. As a result of the above, the 24 “additional newly affected landowners” listed on Hearing Exhibit 280 received two identical notices, once in the February 9, 2015 mailing and a second time in the mailing of July 27, 2015.

FURTHER YOUR AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

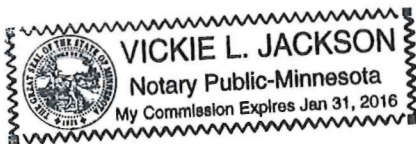
Dated: 8/18/15, 2015.


BILL STORM

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 18 day of August, 2015.



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¹<https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/edockets/searchDocuments.do?method=showPoup&documentId={4894F7BC-8C27-4F8F-868E-FF6EF63F58B0}&documentTitle=20157-112741-01>

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From: Motz, Deborah (PUC) [mailto:deborah.motz@state.mn.us]
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 5:08 PM
To: Jensen, Linda S
Subject: Dkt 14-21 Project Contact List screenshot

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Name	Member ID	Company Name	Email	Address	Delivery Method	Status	Created On
 Wahlberg, John	WAHLJO00			309 7th Avenue SE Roseau MN 56751	Paper Service	Active	06/08/2015

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Robin Rice, hereby certify that I have this day, served a true and correct copy of the following document to all persons at the addresses indicated below or on the attached list by electronic filing, electronic mail, courier, interoffice mail or by depositing the same enveloped with postage paid in the United States mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

**Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Docket E-015/TI-14-21

Dated this 23rd day of July, 2015

/s/ Robin Rice

First Name	Last Name	Email	Company Name	Address	Delivery Method	View Trade Secret	Service List Name
Ronen	Tesaneck	N/A		23822 County Rd 9 Roseau, MN 56751	Paper Service	No	SPL_SL_14-21_MP Great Northern TL Project Contact List
Harold	Thiessen	N/A		30658 650th Ave Warroad, MN 56763	Paper Service	No	SPL_SL_14-21_MP Great Northern TL Project Contact List
Clayton	Trosky	N/A		6046 Sandy Shores Dr NW Williams, MN 56686	Paper Service	No	SPL_SL_14-21_MP Great Northern TL Project Contact List
Leo	Trunt	leo.trunt@co.itasca.mn.us	Itasca County	12058 County Rd 72 Swan River, MN 55784	Electronic Service	No	SPL_SL_14-21_MP Great Northern TL Project Contact List
Stan and Fran	Tvedt	frantvedt@hotmail.com		16374 State Hwy 1 NE MN	Electronic Service	No	SPL_SL_14-21_MP Great Northern TL Project Contact List
Casey	Venema	N/A		25711 County Road 59 Bovey, MN 55709	Paper Service	No	SPL_SL_14-21_MP Great Northern TL Project Contact List
Donn	Waage	N/A	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	8011 34th Ave S, Ste 242 Bloomington, MN 55428	Paper Service	No	SPL_SL_14-21_MP Great Northern TL Project Contact List
John	Wahlberg	N/A		309 7th Avenue SE Roseau, MN 56751	Paper Service	No	SPL_SL_14-21_MP Great Northern TL Project Contact List
Cassie	Wakefield	mikecass@Q.com		21061 Co Rd 71 Grand Rapids, MN 55744	Electronic Service	No	SPL_SL_14-21_MP Great Northern TL Project Contact List
Mark	Walsh	N/A		20036 Little Sand Lake Rd Bovey, MN 55709	Paper Service	No	SPL_SL_14-21_MP Great Northern TL Project Contact List



Janet L. Homaley for
Daniel P. Wolf, Executive Secretary

STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Issued: July 23, 2015

In the Matter of the Application of Minnesota Power for a Route Permit for the Great Northern Transmission Line Project in Roseau, Lake of the Woods, Beltrami, Koochiching and Itasca Counties

Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Docket Number: E-015/TL-14-21

Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) Docket Number: 65-2500-31637

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Wednesday, August 5, 2015	11:00am	Roseau Civic Center 121 Center Street East Roseau, MN 56754
Wednesday, August 5, 2015	6:00pm	Roseau Civic Center 121 Center Street East Roseau, MN 56754
Thursday, August 6, 2015	11:00am	Lake of the Wood School 236 15 th Ave. Southwest Baudette, MN 56623
Thursday, August 6, 2015	6:00pm	Littlefork Community Center 220 Main Street Littlefork, MN 56653
Wednesday, August 12, 2015	11:00am	Kelliher Old School Center 243 Clark Avenue North (Highway 72) Kelliher, MN 56650
Wednesday, August 12, 2015	6:00pm	Bigfork School – Small Gym 100 Huskie Boulevard Bigfork, MN 56628
Thursday, August 13, 2015	11:00am	Timberlake Lodge 144 Southeast 17th Street Grand Rapids, MN 55744
Thursday, August 13, 2015	6:00pm	Timberlake Lodge 144 Southeast 17th Street Grand Rapids, MN 55744

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Project Description

Minnesota Power, an operating division of ALLETE, Inc., is applying to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for a Route Permit to construct the Great Northern Transmission Line. The project includes construction of an approximately 220-mile long, 500 kilovolt (kV) alternating current transmission line between the Minnesota-Manitoba border and the existing Blackberry Substation near Grand Rapids, Minnesota. The proposed project also includes associated substation facilities and transmission system modifications at the Blackberry Substation site, and a 500 kV series compensation station within, or adjacent to, the final approved route.

The project is part of a joint effort with Manitoba Hydro to construct a new Canada-United States transmission interconnection. The project is intended to provide hydropower and wind storage energy products to Minnesota Power's customers and provide up to 883 megawatts of transfer capacity from the line. The project is participant-funded. Manitoba Hydro has proposed to construct and have sole ownership of the Canadian portion of the new interconnection. Minnesota Power will construct the Minnesota portion of the line.

The project is being proposed to fulfill the applicant's power purchase agreement with Manitoba Hydro, to meet regional energy demand, strengthen system reliability and to increase the applicant's generation diversity and renewable portfolio. In a separate proceeding, Minnesota Power must obtain a Presidential Permit from the U.S. Department of Energy for the international border crossing.

Public Hearing Information

- Public hearings start on time.
- Please arrive early so you have time to sign in, pick up materials, and find a seat.
- Administrative Law Judge Ann C. O'Reilly will preside over the hearings.
- Representatives of the Public Utilities Commission, Department of Commerce (DOC), and Minnesota Power will be available to explain and answer questions about the route permitting process, the proposed routes and route alternatives, and the project as a whole.
- You may add verbal comments, written comments, or both into the record.
- The hearings will continue until all persons have had an opportunity to offer testimony and ask questions. The hearings may conclude earlier where all attendees have had the opportunity to comment and all other business has been conducted.
- Learn more about participating at a public hearing at:
http://mn.gov/puc/documents/pdf_files/014372.pdf

Submit Comments

Topics for Public Comment:

- Should a route permit be issued for the project?
- What are the appropriate locations and impacts of the route and its alternatives?
- What are the environmental and human impacts of each route under consideration and how can these impacts be addressed?
- Should any specific permit conditions be placed on this project?
- Are there other project-related issues or concerns?

Please note that the Commission determined that the project is needed and reasonable by granting a certificate of need for the project on June 30, 2015 (Commission Docket E-015/CN-12-1163).

Comment Period: Comments accepted through September 1, 2015 at 4:30pm.

Comments must be received by 4:30pm on the close date

Comments received after comment period closes may not be considered

Online Visit mn.gov/puc, select *Speak Up!*, find this docket, and add your comments to the discussion.

U.S. Mail Persons without internet access may send comments by U.S. Mail to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul MN 55101.

Please include the Commission's docket number in all communications.

Important Comments will be made available to the public via the Public Utilities Commission's website, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. The Commission does not edit or delete personal identifying information from submissions.

Process Information

Minnesota Power must obtain a route permit from the Public Utilities Commission before the project can be built. The purpose of the hearing is to compile the record for the Commission to consider in making its decision on the route permit and identify any conditions that should be included in the route permit to minimize impacts of the project.

The Minnesota Department of Commerce and the U.S. Department of Energy jointly drafted an environmental impact statement for this project. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement reviewed the potential human and environmental impacts of the proposed project and alternatives, as well as ways to address impacts. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement was issued on June 19, 2015.

The Administrative Law Judge will use all information presented at the public hearings and entered into the record of this case, including public comments, to write a report for the Commission (ALJ Report). The ALJ Report will include findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendations including preferred route alternatives and conditions or provisions for the route permit.

After the submission of the ALJ's Report, the Commission will review all of the information in the record, including written comments and comments received at the public hearings. The Commission's final decision on the route permit for this project is expected by March 2016.

Eminent Domain: If the Commission issues a route permit, Minnesota Power may use the power of eminent domain to get land for this project.

How to Learn More

Department of Commerce Project Website:

<http://mn.gov/commerce/energyfacilities/Docket.html?ld=33847>

Project Mailing List: Sign up to receive notices about project milestones and opportunities to participate (meetings, comment periods, etc.). Contact docketing.puc@state.mn.us or 651-201-2204 with the docket number (14-21), your name, mailing address and email address.

Full Case Record: All documents filed in this docket are available via the Commission's website at mn.gov/puc, select *Search eDockets*, enter the year (14) and the docket number (21), select *Search*.

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Public Libraries: The route permit application and draft environmental impact statement are available at the following public libraries:

- Baudette Library, 110 1st Street SW, Baudette
- Blackduck Public Library, 72 1st Street SE, Blackduck
- Bovey Public Library, 402 2nd Street, Bovey
- Calumet Library, 932 Gary Street, Calumet

- Coleraine Public Library, 203 Cole Street, Coleraine
- Duluth Public Library, 520 W Superior Street, Duluth
- Grand Rapids Public Library, 140 NE 2nd Street, Grand Rapids
- Greenbush Public Library, PO Box 9, Greenbush
- International Falls Public Library, 750 4th Street, International Falls
- Marble Public Library, 302 Alice Avenue, Marble
- Northome Public Library, 12064 Main Street, Northome
- Roseau Public Library, 121 Center Street E, Suite 100, Roseau
- Warroad Public Library, 202 Main Avenue NE, Warroad
- Williams Public Library, 350 Main Street, Williams

Copies of the documents will also be available for review prior to and at the public hearings.

Minnesota Power Project Information

- www.greatnortherntransmissionline.com or 1-877-657-9934

Minnesota Statutes and Rules: This project is being reviewed under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 216E and Minnesota Rules, Chapters 7829 and 7850, available at www.revisor.mn.gov.

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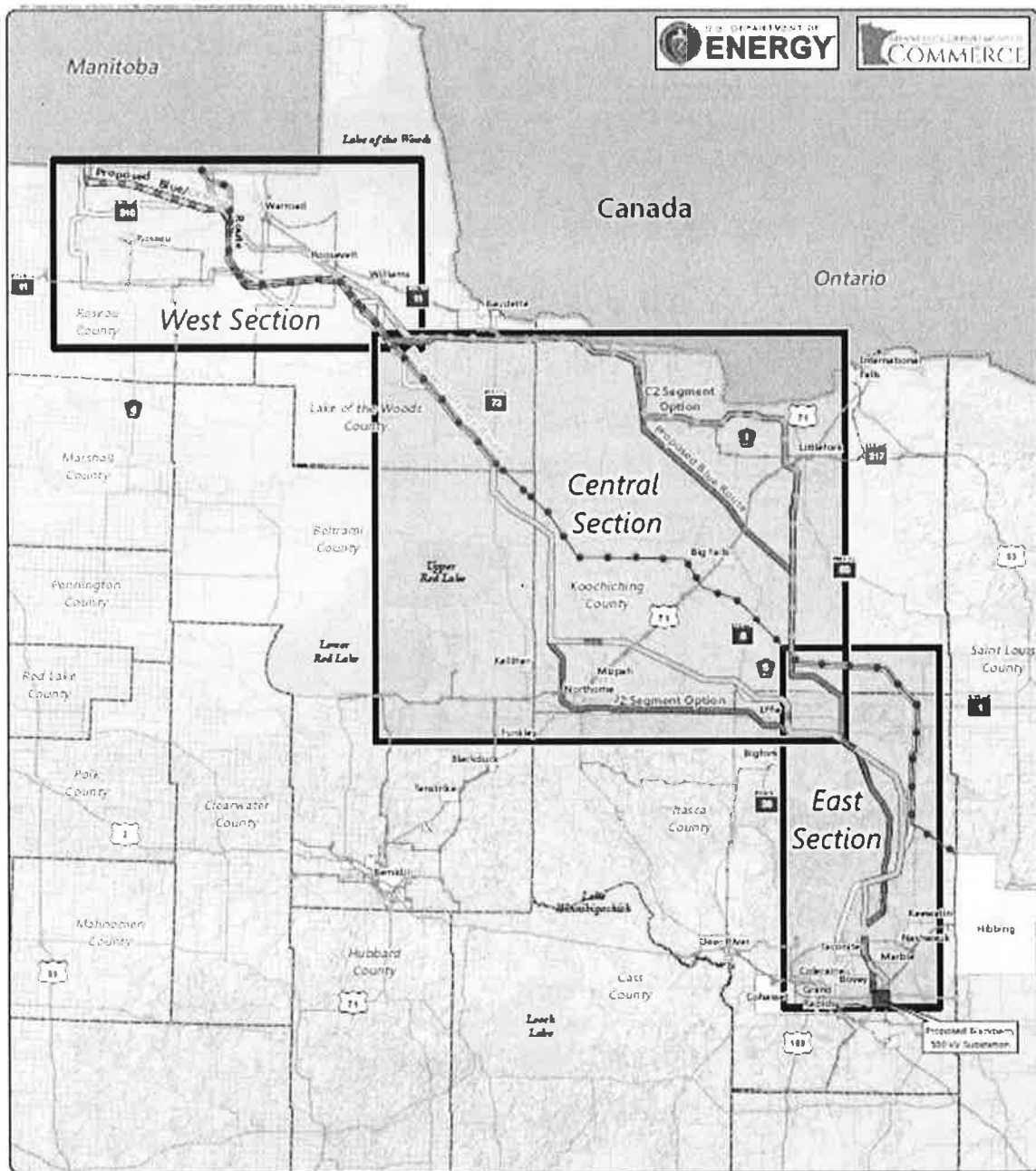
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If any reasonable accommodation is needed to enable you to fully participate in these meetings (e.g., sign language or large print materials), please contact the Office of Administrative Hearings at 651-361-7000 (voice) or 651-361-7878 (TTY) at least one week in advance of the meeting.

This document can be made available in alternative formats (e.g., large print or audio) by calling 651-296-0406 (voice). Persons with hearing or speech disabilities may call us through their preferred Telecommunications Relay Service.



Proposed Blackberry
500 kV Substation

Project Section

Proposed Routes

Blue/Orange Route

Blue Route

Orange Route

Segment Option

Alternatives

Route Variation

Route Variation Hop

Alignment Modification

Existing Transmission Lines

69 or 115 kV

230 kV

500 kV

Municipal Boundary

County Boundary

International Boundary

Map S-2

PROJECT SECTIONS OVERVIEW
Great Northern Transmission Line
Draft Environmental Impact Statement



AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

I, Ann Kirlin, hereby state that on the 19th day of August, 2015, I filed by electronic eDockets and served the attached **Letter Brief and Attachments** by United States Mail, upon all parties on the attached service list, postage prepaid, by depositing the same at St. Paul, Minnesota.

See attached service list for E015/TL-14-21

/s/ Ann Kirlin

ANN KIRLIN

Subscribed and sworn to before me on
this 19th day of August, 2015.

/s/ Linda J. Krolick

Notary Public - Minnesota

My Commission Expires January 31, 2020

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